

## Guided Programs

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### **Docent Led Tour**

*Learn about the wildlife on Gray Lodge!*

A docent will teach your class about the plants and animals found along a 0.3-mile walk to our Viewing Platform. At the platform, a spotting scope gives students the opportunity to view wildlife up close. Tours can be adjusted to meet your curriculum. Most tours run just under 2 hours. Reservations are required.



### **Exploring the Wetlands Environmental Education Program**

Our *Exploring the Wetlands* program takes groups through a hands-on discovery of birds, mammals, invertebrates and vegetation. Following the learning stations, your class may take part in our Docent Led Tour (above). Programs can be adapted to accommodate groups from 1-6<sup>th</sup> grade. This program runs a little over 1 hour. Program dates are limited, so make your reservation early.

## Self-paced Opportunities

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### **Wetland Discovery Self-guided Nature Trail**

This self-guided walk will introduce your class to many aspects of habitat management at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. Your class may observe the remarkable array of life along a 0.85-mile looping trail. There are 14 stations that correspond to an illustrated pamphlet. The trail is wheelchair accessible to the Viewing Platform. This is a self-paced tour. Reservations are requested for groups over 25 people. This helps us minimize group overlap.

### **The Waterfowl Loop Self-guided Auto Tour**

This 3-mile auto tour runs through the heart of the Gray Lodge sanctuary. During the winter months, the number of migratory waterfowl present in this area can be breathtaking. This tour is a self-paced, self-observation loop. A wildlife identification guide is recommended.



## Other News

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### **Nature Bowl Semi-finals – Gray Lodge WA (Spring Event)**



The Nature Bowl is a team competition for all 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Activities focus on environmental science and issues, correlating to the State Science Framework. Winning teams will compete in the finals, held in Sacramento. An educator's workshop is usually held in December. Reservations are required for this annual event. Interested educators should make contact early to enter their team in the semi-final competition held on Gray Lodge WA.

### **Wild About Wetlands Learning Kits**

Teach your classes about wetlands and wildlife with this collection of hands-on activities. Each activity correlates with your classroom lessons – English, social science, math and biology. The kits, sponsored by CWA, are available for loan to educators who have completed the educator's workshop.

# General Information

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## Migratory Waterfowl

The migratory waterfowl are abundant from late October through early February. During this time, we suggest you make group reservations at least two months in advance.

## Mosquitoes

During the fall and spring, the mosquitoes are abundant. For your comfort, you may want to bring mosquito repellent.

## Charges

The standard day use fee for Gray Lodge Wildlife Area is \$2.50/person over 16 years of age. Fees are waived for persons possessing a current hunting or fishing license, or for members of the California Wildlife Campaign. **There is no charge for school groups with reservations.** If groups want to conduct their own programs, they may, but please notify the Naturalist Office at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area of the date, time and size of group. This will help us stagger the use of this resource, allowing a better experience for all groups concerned.

## Contact Information

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